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Implementation of Agricultural Reforms
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to incentivise States which have implemented agricultural reforms mooted by the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the incentives likely to be given to these States in this regard;

(c) the details of the States which have implemented the model Agricultural Produce Market Committee (APMC) Act;

(d) whether the Government has a proposal to set up more Farmer Produce Organisations (FPOs) across the country to facilitate entry of private players and if so, the time by which it is likely to be set up; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to implement the APMC Act in various States of the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) & (b): Central assistance under schemes like Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure (AMI) a sub-scheme of Integrated Scheme of Agricultural Marketing (ISAM) and National Agriculture Market (e-NAM) are reforms linked.

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(c): Based on Model APMC Act, 2003, 7 vital areas of reforms have been identified for pursuance with the States/UTs. Reform −wise details of the States/UTs, which have amended their Agricultural Produce Market Committee (APMC) Acts, are given at Annexure.

(d): Yes, generally FPOs are promoted under various central sector schemes operated in the States. Formation of FPOs is continuous process and hence no time limit can be set.

(e): Government is pursuing with the States/UTs at various fora to incorporate the reforms in their respective APMC Acts on the lines of Model APMC Act,2003 required to enhance the farm income. To make the marketing law more progressive and developmental, recently Government has formulated a new Model APMC Act, 2016 and the draft has been circulated to all stakeholders including States/UTs to solicit their comments.